ADOPTED FIGURE The figure of Mars used for the computation of the map projection is an oblate spheroid (flattening of 1/192) with an equatorial radius of 3393.4 km and a polar radius of 3375.7 km. This is not the height

The Mercator projection is used for this sheet, with a scale of 1:5,000,000 at the equator and 1:4,336,000 at lat 30°. Longitudes increase to the west in accordance with the usage of the International Astronomical Union (IAU, 1971). Latitudes are areographic (de Vaucouleurs and others, 1973).

Planimetric control is provided by photogrammetric triangulation using Mariner 9 pictures (Davies, 1973; Davies and Arthur, 1973) and the radio-tracked position of the spacecraft. The first meridian passes through the crater Airy-O (lat 5.19° S) within the crater Airy. No simple statement is possible for the precision, but local consistency

assembled at 1:5,000,000. Shaded relief was copied from the mosaics and portrayed with uniform illumination with the sun to the west. Many Mariner 9 pictures besides those in the base mosaic were examined to improve the portrayal (Levinthal and others, 1973; Green and others, 1975; Inge and Bridges, 1976). The shading is not generalized and may be interpreted with nearly photographic reliability (Inge, 1972).

Because Mars has no seas and hence no sea level, the datum (the 0 km contour line) for altitudes is defined by a gravity field described by spherical harmonics of fourth order and fourth degree (Jordan and Lorell, 1973) combined with a 6.1 millibar atmospheric pressure surface derived from radio-occultation data (Kliore and others, 1973; Christensen, 1975; Wu, 1975, 1978). The contour lines on most of the Mars maps (Wu, 1975) were compiled from Earth-based radar determinations (Downs and others, 1971;

and others, 1973). Formal analysis of the accuracy of topographic elevation information has not been made. The estimated vertical accuracy of each source of data indicates a probable error of 1-2 km.

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CRATER MATERIALS FORMING MATERIALS

CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

PLAINS MATERIALS CHANNEL DEPOSIT-Occurs mostly in sinuous depressions. Smooth appearance and low crater density. B frames show typical fluvial and wind erosion forms, such as triangular islands. *Interpretation*: Depressions represent grabens eroded mainly by water flooding and finally shaped by wind erosion. Channel floors now represent young deposits of windblown material ROLLING PLAINS MATERIAL-Smooth and uneven appearance; in B frames, lobate scarps visible. Albedo low compared to surrounding plains; $N(10^{-6})$ km⁻²): 2100; age 3.6-3.7 b.y. *Interpretation*: Mainly lava flows, most ori-

eolian debris

SMOOTH PLAINS MATERIAL-Forms extensive area in lowlands. Albedo high. Smooth and featureless in low-resolution pictures. Light-toned wind plumes indicate winds from northeast to southwest in the lowlands and from northwest to southeast in the highland plains. B frames show lobate scarps, ridges, and hilly areas. Old craters partly buried in many places. A topographically high zone, marked by several buried crater outlines, seems to separate Isidis Planitia from northern plains. Crater density low, $N(10^{-6} \text{km}^{-2})$: 2000–4000; age 3.6 < ps < 3.8 b.v. *Interpretation*: Plains lavas comparable to lunar maria have flooded older units. Mostly thin but in some areas thick layer of eolian debris CRATERED PLAINS MATERIAL-Occurs mostly between smooth plains and highlands. Similar to unit ps but shows lower albedo and rougher appearance. Old craters less buried. Lobate scarps and ridges visible; $N(10^{-6} \text{km}^{-2})$: 4000-10.000; age 3.8<pc<3.9 b.v. Boundary with unit ps poorly defined. Interpretation: Oldest plains unit, flooded by lavas of smooth plains material

ginated around Elysium Mons. Light areas probably mantled by thin layer of

RELIEF-FORMING MATERIALS

VOLCANIC CONE MATERIAL-Occurs mainly in northern part of quadrangle. Small cones with summit craters and dark half circles around bases. Interpretation: Craters of non-impact origin, believed to be volcanic KNOBBY MATERIAL-Forms zone between densely cratered highlands in the south and relatively smooth lowland plains in the north. Consists of rounded to subangular small hills of similar size; in some places forms rectilinear mesas. B frames show triangular facets and in some places layering within knobs. Old, buried craters barely visible. Interpretation: Remnants of plateau materials produced by erosional retreat of highlands. Blocky patterns controlled by

CRATERED PLATEAU MATERIAL-Occurs in uplands; flat-appearing surface, lobate scarps, narrow sinuous channels. Craters mostly of frying-pan type with flat debris-filled floor and subdued rim. Boundary with hilly and cratered material (unit hc) difficult to determine. Separated from knobby material (unit k) by a high scarp; $N(10^{-6}\text{km}^{-2})$: 5000-15,000; age 3.8<plc<4.0 b.y. Interpretation: Relatively thin layer of ancient low-viscosity lava partly covering hilly and cratered material (unit hc), channels represent lava tubes ISSECTED BASIN RIM MATERIAL-Continuation of basin rim material (unit br), but dissected by two fault systems of different orientation and age. Barely visible older system oriented northwest and northeast; younger faults trend north-northeast. Unit broken up into mesas and large knobs; $N(10^{-6} \text{ km}^{-2})$: 24,000; age 4.1 b.y. *Interpretation*: Isidis basin rim material. Intense erosion facilitated by shearing of rocks. Older fractures part of a global tectonic grid,

younger fractures due to regional, Isidis-related forces ASIN RIM MATERIAL Occurs in half circle souther Embays two chains of mountainous material. Surface shows many small hummocks and hills but appears mainly smooth. High crater density, $N(10^{-6})$ km⁻²): 60,000; age 4.3 b.y. Craters slightly to highly eroded. Some narrow long sinuous channels. Interpretation: Old martian crust, shocked and tilted by the Isidis event. Impact melt and probably lava extrusions have smoothed and subdued the surface. Channels probably remnants of aqueous erosion or

MOUNTAINOUS MATERIAL-Forms chains of high-rising massifs in basin rim naterial (unit br). Concentric to Isidis Planitia. Steep, eroded walls and many small craters. Interpretation: Eroded remnants of two rings of Isidis basin. Represents tilted and uplifted hilly and cratered material (unit hc) HILLY AND CRATERED MATERIAL-Most extensive unit in southern part of planet. $N(10^{-6} \text{km}^{-2})$: >100,000, age 4.3 b.y. High density of craters up to 80 km in diameter; most are age of highly eroded craters (unit c₁) and fryingpan type and highly degraded. Crater floors mostly covered with eolian debris. Intercrater areas with many hills and ridges. Interpretation: Oldest exposed unit in the quadrangle. Probably remnants of the early martian crust

CRATER MATERIAL Craters less than 20 km diameter are not mapped. Craters in classes $c_1 - c_3$ and ci are probably formed by impac SLIGHTLY ERODED CRATERS-Sharp appearance, complete rims and steep walls. Floors only partly filled with eolian debris; in small craters floors are bowl shaped. Central peaks sharply defined; ejecta blankets visible in places MODERATELY ERODED CRATERS-Rim crest broken by erosional and tectonic processes. Floors partly filled and smoothed by eolian debris. Central

peaks mostly absent HIGHLY ERODED CRATERS-Rim crest barely visible, of knobby appearance or frying-pan type. Floors smooth and in places filled to elevation of surrounding terrain. Central peaks absent IRREGULARLY SHAPED CRATERS-Oval craters with sharp rims; two occurrences, one has well-developed ejecta blanket (16°N 258°W). Probably produced by overlapping primary impacts or breakup of a single meteorite CENTRAL PEAK MATERIAL-Occurs in all large c3 craters and some c2 craters; forms single hill in crater center. *Interpretation:* Shocked floor material

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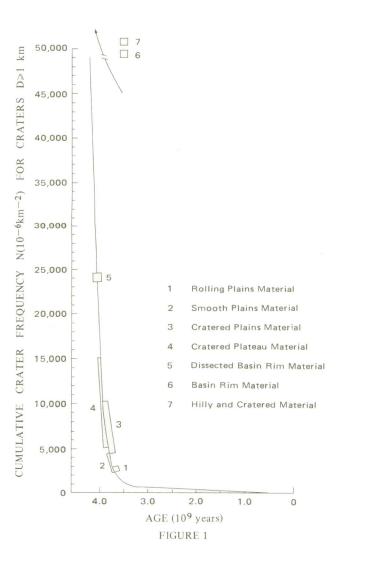
uplifted during late stages of crater formation

Fault-Ball and bar on downthrown side Scarp-Barb points downdip; line marks base of slope. In places marks contact

Ridge Narrow graben

----- Narrow sinuous channel Crater rim crest

Crater rim crest, remnant or buried Brecciated floor material



The Amenthes quadrangle includes two main physiographic and geologic subdivisions. In the southern part of the quadrangle, densely cratered plateaus rise about 3 km above sparsely to moderately cratered plains. The low plains that form Elysium Planitia also build the eastern flank of the Isidis basin, which mostvolcanic and uplifted zone.

ly lies within the adjacent Syrtis Major quadrangle to the west; the Elysium region, one of the main volcanic centers of Mars, is located to the east. Some of the geologic and tectonic units in the Amenthes quadrangle are related to this Geologic mapping is based mainly on morphological criteria together with some albedo, superposition, and crater-density data from both high- and low-resolution Mariner 9 images. Interpretations of rock units were made by comparison with well-known geologic features on the Earth and the Moon. To determine the absolute ages of map units, crater-counting methods in connection with an updated version of the crater-frequency curve of Neukum and Wise (1976) (fig. 1) were used. However, the application of this method in the Amenthes region is limited by the low resolution and lack of optimum image quality.

INTRODUCTION

STRATIGRAPHY

Relief-Forming Materials The southern part of the quadrangle is dominated by high plateaus rising about 2–4 km above the plains. They have a high crater density comparable to that of the lunar highlands, and the sculptured intercrater surfaces are marked by lobate scarps, numerous hills, and by long, narrow channels and grabens. Highly degraded remnants of large craters and knobby terrain are evidence of intense erosion. Fine-grained sediments have accumulated along channels and in the lower parts of the highlands. Predominant wind directions are often shown by light-colored wind plumes in the lee of topographic obstacles.

The hilly and cratered and cratered plateau materials belong to the primary martian crust and represent the end of the accretional phase of the planet's history. The cratered plateau material consists of low-viscosity lava flows that buried the hilly and cratered material. The hilly and cratered material was heavily bombarded by large meteorites. The biggest impact event of that period formed the Isidis basin, excavating and tilting a large part of the crust and causing the development of regional tectonic features. Ejecta material, impact melt, and lava extrusions, resulting from deep penetration of the meteorite into the thin crust that existed, filled and smoothed the roughened area between the basin rings; the basin rim material provides evidence of this process. The mountainous material, embayed in the basin rim material, is believed to be eroded remnants of two rings of Isidis, which consist of high mountains, alined in two chains concentric to Isidis. The dissected basin rim material is inherently the same as the basin rim material

except that the surface is broken up into mesas and large knobs. The different appearance of the dissected basin rim material is probably due to erosion subsequent to and facilitated by the intense shearing of the rocks; due to various stages in the erosional process, all boundaries of this unit are transitional and therefore only poorly defined. At least two graben systems of different orientation and age transect the terrain. A zone of relief-forming material, mapped as knobby material, occurs over most of the planet (Scott and Carr, 1976) and marks the transition zone between the southern highland complex and the north-extending lowland plains. In this quadrangle it is called Nepenthes Mensae. The knobs appear to be remnants of the highland rocks that have been faulted and eroded by wind and water, probably assisted by ground ice sapping, causing the plateau to retreat southward as much as 400 km. Some large craters have been exhumed by this process. The knobby material consists of closely arranged round or triangular inselbergs of uniform size and a few large rectangular mesas. High-resolution images show layering in many of the knobs.

In the northern plains some specific features of unknown origin were mapped as volcanic cone material. These features consist of small domes with a summit crater and a dark semicircle around their base. Plains areas that include the cones are more densely cratered than adjacent plains; however, crater density is similar to adjacent plains if the cone craters are omitted, suggesting that the domes have an endogenic origin. Plains Materials

Elysium Planitia is part of the circumplanetary plains of the northern hemisphere of Mars. At A-frame resolution the whole area appears flat and extremely smooth. A relatively high albedo and generally low crater density distinguish the plains from the dark, rough-appearing, densely cratered highlands. However, high-resolution images provide information to subdivide the plains into other units. The oldest of these units, cratered plains material, shows a highly sculptured surface with many lobate scarps and raised features resembling lunar wrinkle ridges. Crater density is nearly as high as that of the youngest highland units; albedo is relatively low compared to other plains materials. The most extensive of the plains materials is the smooth plains material, which even in B-frame pictures, shows only a poorly sculptured surface, low crater density, and high albedo. Light wind plume streaks have been formed behind obstacles in some areas. Old craters are buried and are visible only as dark spots or a typical circle of knobs. Most probably, low-viscosity lava flows have formed both of these plains units as well as the rolling plains material that is associated with Elysium Mons to the east, outside the map area. The flows flood large downwarped parts of the early martian crust and huge impact basins like Isidis. Volcanic flooding extended over a long period of time, and smooth and rolling plains units represent the last stage in this process. The lobate scarps, low crater density, and large fault systems associated with the rolling plains indicate that they are young lava flows in a tectonically active zone.

regime predominantly from the northeast. Within topographic depressions and crater floors of the southern highlands, plains materials also occur; these consist mainly of thick blankets of eolian sediments. Light wind plumes on these plains units, in contrast to the northeast winds of the lowland plains, indicate wind directions predominantly from the northwest. A comparatively large number of ghost craters together with the accumulation of eolian features exist in a zone extending northwest from the dissected basin rim unit. The terrain in this area may be slightly higher than the plains on either side and may represent the northeastern segment of the rings of Isidis basin.

The youngest unit in the quadrangle is represented by a channel deposit occurring in wide graben systems. It consists of debris deposited by water flooding (Milton, 1973) and may be partially covered by eolian material. Crater Materials

Craters on Mars are modified in their appearance by wind, water, and tectonic processes; effects vary depending on the size of the crater, its duration of exposure, and its location. Age dating on the basis of crater morphology is thus not very satisfactory, and impact craters are therefore assigned to only three categories, based on their erosional stage. Exhumed, buried, or extremely eroded craters with barely visible contours are not classified but marked with a special symbol. In the highland units, craters of the frying-pan type, with mostly denuded rims, steep walls, and flat debris-filled floors, are common. A few nonoverlapping twin craters, at an identical erosional stage, probably represent doublets (two craters formed simultaneously by a breakup of the impacting body). Two small craters mapped as irregularly shaped craters have oval rims; one of them also shows a well-developed ejecta blanket. The origin of these features is not known. They may represent secondary craters or an overlapping of two or more primary impact craters.

STRUCTURE

Two main zones of tectonic activity are distinguishable in the quadrangle, (1) Hephaestus and Elysium Fossae, and (2) Amenthes Fossae. Hephaestus Fossae are a network of narrow grabens with steep walls and a zig-zag course that trends generally northwest; single lineaments show azimuths of 100°, 150° and 180°. The same trend is apparent in the huge graben systems of Elysium Fossae, which extend from the Elysium quadrangle in the east as far as the northeastern corner of the mapped area. The extreme width of these features is clearly related to crustal extension, caused by the updoming of the Elysium volcanic center (Scott and Allingham, 1976); however, the trends in the Elysium Fossae are not everywhere radial to the center of uplift.

The lineaments in both Elysium and Hephaestus Fossae can be related to a planetwide tectonic grid (Binder and McCarthy, 1972). Further topographic modeling is due to regional processes such as the updoming of parts of the crust, water erosion, wind deflation and deposition, and possibly lava erosion. Amenthes Fossae, the network of faults in the western highlands, appear to be the result of even more complicated tectonic forces. In this region at least two structural systems, differing in age and orientation, are detectable. The older, which is highly subdued by erosion, trends northwest and northeast; the younger system trends north-northeast. However, the younger system bears no distinct relation either to the planetwide grid or the the adjoining Isidis impact basin. Most probably it represents an accumulation of impact-related and global tectonic forces.

GEOLOGIC HISTORY Like the Moon, the observable geologic history of Mars began with high met-

orite impact flux on an early-formed crust. This period is characterized by large multi-ringed impact basins like Isidis, numerous impact craters, and the development of a planetwide tectonic grid. Most of the highland materials in the southern part of the quadrangle are remnants of this period. During the subsequent period of waning impact flux, the martian surface was modeled predominantly by volcanic processes. Large-scale extrusions of lowviscosity basalt flooded downwarped parts of the crust and floors of impact basins, thus creating vast plains mainly in the northern part of the mapped area. They are characterized by flat-appearing surfaces, relatively low crater density, and lobate flow fronts. Concomitant with the creation of the plains, intense erosion took place, and the northern edge of the highlands complex was denuded to mesas and small knobs. In a narrow zone, plains lava flows overlapped this area of active highland erosion.

Towards the end of this period, the volcanic material seems to have changed to more viscous lava. The large volcanoes of the Elysium region, with their surrounding plains, were then built up. Their location is related to uplift and doming in this area (Scott and Allingham, 1976) that opened the preexisting tension faults of Elysium Fossae. Unlike the Earth, there is no evidence of further development of the martian crust into dissected plates. The martian surface, however, is still being actively transformed by the erosion of the ancient plateau materials and craters into knobby terrain and by transport of eolian materials, mainly in the lower plains area.

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